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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: MACHEL VISITS DAR ES SALAAM: UNITY BRIDGE ANNOUNCED

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1. AS FORECAST REFTEL, MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT MACHEL FLEW INTO DAR ES SALAAM ON APRIL -- ON HEELS OF KISSINGER VISIT -- TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, RETURNING TO MAPUTO IN EVENING SAMEDAY.

2. MACHEL WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY MOZAMBIQUE MINISTER FOR WORKS AND HOUSING, JULIO CARRILHO, AND ONLY PUBLIC RESULT OF TALKS WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE LONG-HERALDED "UNITY BRIDGE" ACROSS RUVUMA

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RIVER WILL BE BUILT AT NEGOMANO, WHERE MOZAMBIQUE HIGHWAY FROM

MOCIMBOA DA PRAIA REACHES THE RIVER. THIS WILL REQUIRE 80 KM.
ROAD TO BE BUILT ON TANZANIAN SIDE, FROM MASUGURU TO AKWUNGWASI,
TO LINK UP WITH LINDI-SONGEA HIGHWAY. BRIDGE ITSELF WILL BE 600
METERS LONG.

3. TANZANIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN, PARTY UNITS, ETC., HAVE BEEN MAKING "VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS" FOR THE BRIDGE FOR SOME TIME. THEY ARE PRESENTED, AS IS TANZANIAN CUSTOM, TO VISITING DIGNITARIES AND ON OTHER CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS, THOUGH HOW -- AND WHETHER -- THEY ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IS UNCERTAIN. REAL FINANCING FOR PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT NYERERE BRIEFED MACHEL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT, THOUGH WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DECLINED TO CONFIRM THIS. WITH VIRTUALLY ALL TOP BRASS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT NYERERE ON EUROPEAN TOUR WHICH STARTED EVENING APRIL 27, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS OF MACHEL VISIT FOR TIME BEING.

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